

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18 and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 17 and 18 are allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4 and 20 are amended and claim 2 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter found therein. No new matter is added.

The Office Action assumes that claim 20 is canceled, and thus is not examined.

However, the Office Action indicates on page 3 that claim 20 contains allowable subject matter. Thus, it appears that claim 20 was examined. Claim 20 depended from claim 19. When claim 19 was canceled by the previous Amendment, claim 20 was inadvertently not amended to depend from claim 18. Thus, claim 20 is not canceled, but depends from claim 18 by this amendment.

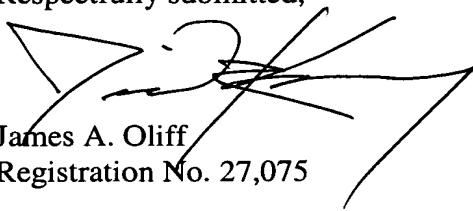
The Office Action indicates that claims 2-6, 9, 11-15, 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this amendment, the allowable subject matter of claim 2 is incorporated into claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is allowable. Further, claim 4 is rewritten in independent form, including all of the features of the base claim. Thus, claim 4 is allowable. Claim 19 was canceled in the previous Amendment. As discussed above, claim 20 is amended to depend from claim 18, which is allowed. Thus, claim 20 is allowable. Because claims 3, 5, 6, 9 and 11-15 depend from claims 1 and 4, these claims are also allowable.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 7, 8, 10 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Fisher et al. (Fisher), U.S. Patent No. 6,937,120. The rejection is rendered moot by the amendment to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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